Lieut: Generall *Cromwells*

LETTER

To the Honorable,

William Lenthall Esq; Speaker of the Houſe of Commons;

OF THE

STORMING and TAKING

Baſing-Houſe:

With the Marques of *Wincheſter*, Sir *Rob*: *Peak* and divers other Officers of Quality, and all the Ordnance, Ammunition, Arms and Proviſions therein.

Together with an Order of the Commons in Parliament aſſembled, for a Day of Thankſgiving in the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*.

Ordered by the Commons aſſembled in Parliament, That this Letter *and* Order *be forthwith printed and publiſhed:*

H: Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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Lieutenant Generall Cromwels *Letter to the Honorable* VVilliam Lenthall *Esq; Speaker to the Honorable houſe of Commons.*

SIR,

I Thank God I can give you a good account of *Baſing*: After our Batteries placed, we ſetled the ſeverall poſts for the ſtorm, Col: *Dalbier* was to be on the North ſide of the houſe next the Grange, Col. *Pickering* on his left hand, and Sir *Hardres Wallers*, and Col: *Mountagues* Regiments next him. VVe Stormed this morning after ſix of the Clock: The ſignall for falling on, was the firing four of

our Canon; which being done, our men fell on with great Reſolution and cheerfulneſſe: VVe took the two houſes without any conſiderable loſſe to our ſelves: Col: *Pickering* Stormed the new houſe, paſſed through, and got the gate of the old houſe; whereupon, they Summoned a Parley, which our men would not hear: In the mean time, Col: *Mountagues*, and Sir *Hardres Wallers* Regiments, aſſaulted the ſtrongeſt works, where the Enemy kept his Court of Guard, which with great reſolution they recovered, beating the enemy from a whole culverin, & from that VVork; which having done, they drew their Ladders after them, and got over another VVork and the houſe wall, before they could enter in this: Sir *Hardres Waller* performing his duty with honour and diligence, was ſhot on the arm,

but

but not dangerous: VVe have had little losse; many of the Enemy our men put to the Sword, and some Officers of quality, most of the rest we have Prisoners, amongst which the Marques and Sir *Robert Peake*, with divers other Officers, whom I have Ordered to be sent up to you. VVe have taken about ten piece of Ordnance, much Ammunition, and our Souldiers a good encouragement. I humbly offer to you to have this place slighted, for these Reasons; It will ask Eight hundred men to man it, it is no frontier, the Countrey is poor about it, the place exceedingly ruined by our Batteries and Morter-pieces, and a fire which fell upon the place since our taking it. If you please to take the Garrison at *Farnham*, some out of *Chichester*, and a good part of the Foot which were here under *Dalbier*, and make

make a ſtrong quarter at *Newbery* with three or four Troops of horſe: I dare be confident, it would not only be a curb to *Dennington*, but a ſecurity and a Frontier to all theſe parts, inaſmuch as *Newbery* lies upon the River, and will prevent any incurſion from *Dennington*, *Wallingford*, or *Farringdon* into theſe parts, and by lying there will make the Trade moſt ſecure between *Briſtoll* and *London* for all Carriages: And I believe the Gentlemen of *Suſſex* and *Hantſhire* will with more cheerfulnes contribute to maintain a Garriſon on the Frontier, then in their bowels, which will have leſſe ſafety in it.

Sir I hope not to delay, but march towards the VVeſt to morrow, and to be as diligent as I may in my expedition thither: I muſt ſpeak my judgement to you, that if you intend to have your work carried

ried on, recruits of Foot muſt be had, and a courſe taken to pay your Army; elſe believe me Sir, it may not be able to anſwer the work you have for it to do. I entreated Coll: *Hamond* to wait upon you, who was taken by a miſtake whileſt we lay before this Garriſon, whom God ſafely delivered to us, to our great joy, but to his loſſe of almoſt all he had which the Enemy took from him. The Lord grant that theſe mercies may be acknowledged with all thankfulneſſe; God exceedingly abounds in his goodneſſe to us, and will not be weary, untill righteouſneſſe and peace meet, and that he hath brought forth a glorious work, for the happineſſe of this poor Kingdom, wherein deſires to ſerve God and you with a faithfull heart,

Baſingſtoke, October, 14. 1645.

Your moſt humble Servant,
OLIVER CROMVVEL.

Octobr. 15. 1645.

ORdered by the Commons in Parliament assembled, That the next Lords day publique thanks be given unto Almighty God for his great mercies and blessings upon the Parliaments Forces under Lieutenant Generall *Cromwell*, and Col. *Dalbier*, for taking in *Winchester* Castle and *Basing-house*, in all Churches and Chappels in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and within the Lines of Communication; And Alderman *Pennington* and Colonell *Venn* are appointed by this House to desire the Lord Major to give timely notice hereof to the Ministers of the Churches and Chappels within the Lines of Communication.

Hen. Elsynge Cler.
Parl. D. Com.

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